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ABSTRACT

Each state has the opportunity to participate in Title III of the Goals 2000 Act. To participate, the state must have or develop a comprehensive strategy for improving education on the basis of clear and challenging standards. To assist the states, the Council of Chief State School Officers has prepared this report of baseline information for each state. As a resource for state and federal policy makers, the report can help inform decision making by identifying states' accomplishments and lessons learned in developing and implementing improvement activities. The report begins with a national summary, which is a snapshot of states' reports at present relative to the components of Goals 2000. Section 2 is a series of regional reports. The information in both sections is derived from the Council's survey, "State Systemic Education Planning--Status in Your State" from 1993 and 1994. Data are presented on existing content and performance standards, opportunity-to-learn standards, and various aspects of teacher and system policies. The summary table is 10 pages. (SLD)

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